(c) No, Sir. Government has no plan, at present, to construct an airport in Ajmer.

(d) Does not arise.

Acquisition of land for Trivandrum International Airport

2164. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land acquisition for the first phase of Trivandrum International Airport terminal has been completed and if so, the extent of land acquired for the above purpose and whether Airports Authority of India has taken possession of the acquired land;

(b) what is the progress of the land acquisition process for the second phase; and

(c) the extent of land proposed to be acquired for the second phase and the time likely by which the process will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. 27 acres of land in the first phase had been acquired by the State Government of Kerala. Airports Authority of India is in the process of taking over the possession of the land.

(b) and (c) For the additional land required for the long term development of the airport, the State Government has already issued the requisite Land Acquisition Notification on 30th June 2004 for 93 acres. Airports Authority of India have been asked to confirm that the 93 acres is well within the survey numbers indicated in the Land Acquisition Notification. The State Government has intimated that the acquisition of additional land is under way at a fast pace under a new Fast Track Mechanism. Exact time to be taken in the above process cannot be indicated at this stage.

Fixation of price of ATF

†2165. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Aviation Turbine Fuel which is used by the aircrafts for flights, are being fixed on the basis of prices prevailing in international market;

(b) if not, the basis on which the said price is being fixed;

(c) whether any proposal has been submitted to the concerned department for reducing its prices; and

(d) if so, how much reduction is sought in the proposal and the price of said fuel in the country for foreign flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A proposal has been submitted to Ministry of Finance for notifying ATF as 'declared goods' under Section 14 of the Central Sales Tax Act. This would lead to capping of sales tax @ 4% as against present average sales tax incidence @ 25%, thereby substantially reducing consumer price of ATF.

Further, Government has already decided to treat the sale of ATF to the international flights of national carriers as "deemed exports" under Sec. 5 of the Central Sales Tax Act. This measure is likely to reduce the price of ATF for international flights of national carriers by about Rs. 5000/- per killolitre at March, 2005 levels.

Dilution of Government equity in Air India and Indian Airlines

2166. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state.

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines intend to off load 10 per cent of Government share to public;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the amount that is expected to be generated by this off loading and the details of purposes for which the money would be used?